

disposed of in such shares as they may determine upon, and make such rules for the government and management thereof, as a majority of said Company may think proper; *provided*, the same be not contrary to the provisions of this act, or to the laws of this State, or of the United States; *and provided also*, that if upon application of any one, the Circuit court of Howard or Baltimore county shall decide that the said Bridge is out of repair, or likely to become unsafe, or unfit for transportation across the same, that the said toll shall cease and not be demanded till the said Bridge be repaired; and the said Company shall cause to be set up and kept in some conspicuous place at each end of said Bridge, in legible characters, lists of rates of toll provided for by this act.

SEC. 4. *Be it enacted*, That said Company shall be known as the Elkridge Landing Bridge Company, and by that name they shall have perpetual succession and be able to sue and be sued, impleaded, answer and defend in any court of law or in equity, and to establish such rules and laws for their regulation and government, as are not repugnant to law, and are consistent with the objects of this act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Company shall also hereby have full power and authority to enter upon and hold in fee, any land necessary or proper for the abutments and piers of said Bridge, and to build a toll house upon, and to connect said Bridge by proper road with the Washington and Baltimore turnpike on both sides of said river, and for the other purposes contemplated by this act; and for this purpose may agree with the owner or owners of said land for the same, or when they cannot agree with such owner or owners, or should he, she, or they be *feme covert*, under age, non compos mentis, or absent, then said Company shall have power and authority to have condemned such lands, as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid by inquisition in the following manner: when such lands may be wanted, application may be made to any Justice of the Peace of Howard county, if the land shall lie in said county, or of Baltimore county, if the lands lie in Baltimore, who shall therefore issue his warrant under his hand and seal to the Sheriff of said counties, requiring him to summon a jury of the inhabitants, not related to the parties, nor in anywise interested, to meet on the lands so wanted, on a day named in said warrant, not less than ten, nor more twenty days after issuing the same, and if at the said time and place, any of the said jurors summoned do not attend, the Sheriff shall immediately summon as many persons similarly qualified, as together with the jurors in attendance will furnish a panel of twenty jurors, and from the panel each party, his, her, or their, or its attorney or agent, or if either party be not present in person or by agent, the Sheriff for him, her, them, or it, may strike off four persons, and the remaining twelve shall act as the jury of the inquest of damages, and to each before he acts as such juror, the Sheriff shall administer an oath or affirmation that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner or owners will sustain by the use or occupation of the said land so required to be taken, and the